

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following list of claims replace all prior listings:

Claims 1-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein at least one of the jewelry individual network components is an earring speaker and wherein:

- the mount is configured to be worn in a pierced ear,
- the wireless transceiver comprises a wireless receiver for receiving audio information, and
- the circuitry comprises a speaker for playing the audio information.

5. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein at least one of the jewelry individual network components is an earring antenna and wherein:

- the mount is configured to be worn in a user's pierced ear;
- the circuitry comprises
 - an antenna for receiving radio frequency signals,
 - a demodulator for processing the received signals, and
 - a modulator for converting the processed signals; and
- the wireless transceiver comprises
 - a wireless transmitter for sending the converted signals to another device worn by the user.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein at least one of the jewelry individual network components is a ring individual network component and wherein:

- the mount is of a ring configured to be worn around a user's finger,
- the wireless transceiver is configured to communicate with a second individual network component worn by the user, and
- the circuitry is selected from the group consisting of a pushbutton, a microphone, a digital camera, a pulse oximeter, a heart rate sensor, a blood pressure sensor, and a display,

wherein a function of the circuitry is provided to the second individual network component.

Claims 7-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein at least one of the jewelry individual network components is added to implement a new function for the user in the modular personal network.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein at least one of the jewelry individual network components is a new network component that automatically joins the modular personal network.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29 wherein the modular personal network automatically continues to operate with any remaining network components when the single network component is removed.

Claims 17-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a modular personal network ("MPN") comprising:

a plurality of jewelry individual network components in wireless communication with each other via a wireless network protocol; wherein each of the jewelry individual network component is worn or carried by a user and is configured to store that component's device identification used in the network protocol and the modular personal network in addressing other components during network communications and network identification information identifying a current modular personal network in which the components are operating; and

wherein each component is configured to adapt to an addition or removal of any modular personal network component of the MPN from the MPN to continue to provide the functions of the remaining plurality of jewelry individual network components; and

whereby each component in the modular personal network of a user performs one or more actions in response to another component in the modular personal network being removed from the network wherein that action adapts the one or more remaining component to operate with other and continue to generate an output.

Claim 30. (Cancelled).